(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Space-Based Augmentation System (SBAS) have been developed to improve the accuracy, integrity, availability and continuity of Global Positioning System (GPS) signals to meet the stringent. Civil aviation requirements for air navigation services. This system provides coverage over very large air space and are being developed as regional systems. Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) of USA, European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System (EGNOS) of Europe and Multisat Based Augmentation System (MSAS) of Japan are the three main systems under development. Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the system is being developed and implemented jointly. Initial technical parameters have been firmed up by ISRO, and proposals have been received from bidders in response to the tenders released by ISRO, for evaluation.

(d) and (e) The Airborne Collision Avoidance System is a part of the transponder system which is installed in an aircraft but not at an airport.

Indo-British trade talks

2090. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-British have started talks to promote bilateral trade;

(b) if so, whether the British delegation visited a number of States during the month of May, 2002 to discuss the improvement of trade with India;

(c) if so, to what extent agreements have been reached between the two countries; and

(d) if so, what efforts are being made to improve the Indo-British trade during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Development of bilateral trade and economic relations forms an integral part of a

continuous dialogue at offical and business levels between India and the U.K. A number of bilateral visits, both sides at official as well as at business level, have taken place in recent period, *inter-alia*, with a view to focus on improvement of bilateral trade.

(c) The commitment of both the countries for development of bilateral trade and economic relations is enshrined in the Delhi Declaration signed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Prime Minister Blair during the latter's visit to India in January, 2002.

(d) Bilateral interactions at Ministerial and senior officials levels in the past few months in areas such as petroleum and natural gas, civil aviation, power, non-conventional energy sources, science and technology, agriculture and agri-products etc. has contributed to devising steps for boosting bilateral trade and investment.

Ban on import of items used for research

†2091. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America has imposed a ban on items imported from foreign countries used in universities, research institutions, scientific research institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that America has warned Russia for giving uranium fuel to India and said that it is against the commitment of nuclear non-proliferation treaty;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The Government is not aware about such ban.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.